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1. The Personnel Section of the SED Brandenburg was renamed about the end of October 1949 as the Cadre Section. On the occasion of this renaming it was emphasized that it should be the main function of the cadre section to develop the best possible body of functionaries for the party, and that the negative aspect of personnel work, that is, the dealing with flagrant instances of dereliction of duty, disloyalty, etc., was to be turned over to the party control commission for handling.
2. Attached to the Organization-Instructor Section of the Brandenburg SED are eight instructors. The latter are dispatched from time to time individually to specific Kreise in Brandenburg to correct errors in party management, to give advice, and to report back to headquarters on their findings. The various section heads of the SED Brandenburg Hq. are at liberty to request the Org-Instructor Section to investigate shortcomings in specific Kreise pertaining to their own field. By the same token, the instructors on returning from specific Kreise often pass unsolicited reports to the various section heads. Furthermore, all political functionaries of the SED Brandenburg Hq. are subject to instructor duty when important events are in the making. The length of time which an instructor spends in a Kreis varies from a single day to well over a week. During this stay, the instructor is de facto the first secretary of the Kreis. The Kreis SED Hq. in turn have instructors who travel out into the villages and factories with similar functions and powers.
3. In October 1949, a shop group was set up within the SED Brandenburg Hq., and a managing committee elected, consisting of:

a. Chairman: Hans Vieillard (head of the Press Office of SPD Brandenburg Hg.)

b. Other Members: Ansmus, fmu (from the Culture and Education Section)
 Warner Erben (Head of the Youth Section)
 Elisabeth Kirchner (from the Personnel Section)
 Lukacs, fmu (from the Party Control Commission)
 Lotte Pulewka (from the Party Schooling Section)
 Ilse Skirzinsky (secretary of Saagebrecht)
 Steffen, fmu (from the Party Schooling Section)
 Otto Warner (from the Personnel Section)
 Otto Wiesner (from the Personnel Section)

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4. Georg Lentsch (Leutzsch ?), having succeeded Bechler as Brandenburg Minister of the Interior, has also taken Bechler's place in the Little Secretariat of the Brandenburg SED.
5. The functionaries of the SED Brandenburg Hq. are working on the assumption that there will be elections in eastern Germany in October 1950, and internal pep talks are already being geared to this possibility. One of the main tasks at present is to popularize the east German government, presumably with the hope of keeping it in power in the fall of 1950. The problem is being attacked from two angles: (1) an effort is to be made to make the government leaders popular, by publicizing their life stories and their recent accomplishments; and (2) the measures of the eastern government are to be made popular, drawing attention to those of them which provide some benefit to the common man, and in all cases crediting the SED with the conception and execution of the measures in question.
6. Maack, of the Massenagitation Section of the SED Brandenburg Hq., was recently reprimanded by Saegbrecht when he mentioned during a meeting of SED Brandenburg functionaries that the bourgeois parties had attempted what he called a "Putsch" during the Democratic Bloc negotiations on the formation of the eastern German government. Maack protested that this Putsch had been discussed at a meeting of Massenagitation functionaries at SED Hq. in Berlin, but Saegbrecht merely remarked that one of the necessary qualities of a good SED functionary was the ability to distinguish between what is meant to be repeated and what is not.

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Comment: [] no further information concerning the nature of this Putsch, but it appears to refer to an abortive attempt on the part of the CDU and LDP to present a united front and to hold out for equality in the new government.

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